

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-3 (canceled)**

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** A guitar as claimed in claim [[2]]8 wherein said ~~molded~~ piece is cup-shaped to conform to a specific breast size of an intended user of said guitar.

**Claim 5 (previously presented):** A method of making a guitar comprising the steps of providing an opening through the back of a guitar adjacent its upper edge when held in playing position, forming a breast-accommodating insert, and mounting said insert in said opening in position to receive the breast of player when the guitar is held in playing position.

**Claim 6 (original):** The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said step of forming said breast-accommodating insert includes shaping said insert to fit the breast of a female instrumentalist.

**Claim 7 (canceled)**

**Claim 8 (new):** In a guitar having a back and side surfaces, the improvement comprising a recess for receiving the breast of a player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess being a piece inserted in said guitar and being located in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface when the guitar is held in playing position.

**Claim 9 (new):** In a guitar having a back and side surfaces, the improvement comprising a recess for receiving the breast of a player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess being a hole located in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface when the guitar is held in playing position.